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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: EXPANSION OF AIR GABON

REF: LIBREVILLE 1535, 1584, 1611

1. DEPTOFF DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH PAN AM/NY WHEN YOUR 1535 .AS RECEIVED,AND MET AUGUST 11 WITH PAN AM REPS PAN AM REQUESTED DETAILED BRIEFING, THEN ADMITTED THAT THEIR HEADQUARTERS NOT YET DECIDED. THEY WILL ADVISE US OF THEIR ANSWER ASAP. FYI ONLY: PAN AM SEEMS TO BE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO SOME SORT OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENT. END FYI.

2. DEPT IS CONCERNED THAT WE NOT OVERSELL AIR GABON ON VERY LARGE AIRCRAFT IN THE NEAR TERM. TRAFFIC MUST BE DEVELOPED OVER TIME, ALTHOUGH INITIAL RESULTS OF SPEAS DATA COLLECTION INDICATE THAT POTENTIAL FOR TRAFFIC GROWTH IS VERY HIGH.

3. DEPT WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW WHAT ROUTE/TRAFFIC
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RIGHTS GABON HOLDS IN AFRICA AND EUROPE. ALSO, IF

AVAILABLE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS OF BOEING STUDY.
WE WILL TRY TO OBTAIN DETAILS HERE. SPEAS STUDY WILL NOT
BE READY FOR AS LONG AS TWO MONTHS, STILL ON SCHEDULE. KISSINGER

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